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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

The documents identified on Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in a Restriction/Election Office Action mailed August 18, 2009 in co-pending application Serial Number 10/597,233 filed July 17, 2006 (Atty Dkt. MIKI0002). Their relevance is believed to be clear from said Restriction/Election Office Action and their relation to the subject matter of the present invention. Accordingly, no further comment regarding the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required. A copy of each non-U.S. document identified on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A is attached, however, in accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

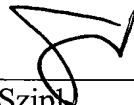
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It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A, and return it to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

It is believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-8, but if the filing of this paper requires fees, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

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